



What is the ruling on erecting statues and what is known as "Unknown Soldier Monument"?

A: Erecting statues of prominent figures who played a role in developing the country in the scientific, economic, and political fields and what is called "Unknown Soldier Monument" is an act of ignorance. It is a form of exaggeration, as we find them holding commemoration parties around these statues and putting flowers to honor them. This is similar to the times of idolatry and a means that leads to major Shirk (associating others in worship with Allah), we seek refuge with Allah. Such traditions should be put to an end to preserve the belief of Tawhid (Monotheism) and to prevent extravagance for no use. In addition to avoid imitating the Kaffirs (disbelievers) in their customs and traditions in which there is no good, rather it leads to evil.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family, and Companions!

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